

THE SWAN RIVER VALLEY

Several Thousand Acres of Land Still Open to Settlers.

ABOVE FLATHEAD LAKE

The Climate is Mild and Equitable—Annie Reid Accidentally Shot by Her Young Brother.

The valley through which Swan river flows averages from seven to 15 miles in width, and about 20 miles in length. The valley extends from where the Swan river flows into the head of Flathead lake back into the foothills of the mountains in a southeastern direction, lying almost parallel with the lake and being separated from it by a small strip of land and a very low mountain range.

The Swan river flows through the center of the valley, dividing it about equally on each side of the stream. About 20 miles from the mouth of the river it gradually expands, varying from one to three miles in width and about 10 miles long, making a beautiful body of water, almost oval in shape, which is called Swan lake. From the lake to the mouth of the river it is almost one continued series of waterfalls, thus affording great water power. The waters of the river and lake are of crystal transparency and never freeze, excepting a small portion of the lake. Large flocks of swans have wintered for years on the river and lake and on account of this the name was applied to them.

The country is mostly timbered with here and there a hay meadow averaging in area from 10 to 80 acres. The hay meadows along the banks of the river are swampy and covered with water during the greater portion of the summer seasons, but from one to three miles back from the river may be found hay meadows that are high and dry and suitable for growing all kinds of agricultural products. Nearly all of the land lying along both sides of the river from its mouth to the foot of the lake is settled by homesteaders. Above the lake the country is a vast hay meadow embracing several thousand acres of land which is still open to settlers. The land is unsurveyed, but the government has ordered it surveyed so that by another year the section lines will all be marked. The climate is mild and equitable, about like that at the head of Flathead lake, and early and late frosts in the spring and fall are an unknown quantity in this region, making it desirable for vegetable raising and fruit growing. The soil is rich in fertility and yields most prolifically.

The timber is of excellent quality and valuable for lumbering. The species are pine, fir, red cedar, spruce, tamarack, red birch and Balsam of Gilead. Pine, fir and red cedar predominate and the cedar groves are immense. This region is a veritable hunter and sportsman's paradise. All kinds of wild game may be procured here in abundance. Wild ducks and geese live on its waters during the whole year and at present they are very plentiful. Deer abound in large numbers and from 1 to 40 may be seen hanging near each cabin. The settlers live on game and fish the year round and venison is dried and salted during the early winter months for summer use. Fish are in plentiful quantities and the gamey mountain and salmon trout afford pleasant sport for the angler. The Helena Rod and Gun club have a club house near the mouth of Swan river at the head of Flathead lake, and a large number of Montana's pleasure seekers visit the club house each season to hunt and fish in this country. The scenery is magnificent; the tall, stately trees, the beautiful transparent water, the grassy meadows and the timber covered hills, like silent sentinels standing looking down upon the valley, each form a part of a grand panorama of nature's loveliness that the eye seldom feasts upon.—*Katipet Graphic.*

Although the orchards of the Northwest will yield millions of dollars annually within a short time, the palmy days of orchardists have forever gone by. The Astorian recalls the fact that the early fruit growers of Oregon had a great market for a few years at San Francisco. It says: "In 1854 500 bushels of apples were shipped from Oregon to San Francisco and returned a net profit of \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel. In 1855 the shipments rose to 6,000 bushels, which sold for from \$20 to \$30 per bushel. In 1856 the shipments rose to 20,000 boxes. Even in this year big prices were received, and for choice fruit fancy prices were obtained, one box of Esopus Spitzenberg selling for \$80. The Californians planted apple trees, and after 1860 the shipments of apples from Oregon began to decline. Apple raising was more profitable than gold mining for the first half dozen years of the industry in Oregon."

An Albany, Ore., special to the *Oregonian* says: James Wallace, a farmer living near Albany, has disappeared. It is supposed he has gone to California. He sold his wheat Wednesday and received \$1,250, and started away on the south-bound overland train. His family think he left in company with a young widow named Mrs. Veach, the daughter of W. W. McCoon. He has a wife and four children, and was a well-to-do farmer. He had recently been paying undue attention to Mrs. Veach, and was so much in her company that his wife upbraided him for his conduct. He leaves an indebtedness of \$1,000 or more. All his property has been attached, which will leave his wife without means. She is prostrated over the affair.

Annie Reid, aged 13, of Rocky Point, Ore., while helping her brother John, aged 15, to clean a rifle, was shot and killed. The ramrod caught fast in the barrel and the boy put in a blank cartridge to blow it out. The gun was accidentally discharged, the ramrod entering the girl's body just above the navel, passing through and projecting at the back. She lived three days.

A petition has been filed in the probate court at Tacoma, asking that E. E. Rosling be appointed administrator of the estate of John Anderson, a native of Sweden. Anderson took up a claim several miles from the city and his sweet heart came on from Sweden to join him. She refused to marry him and live in the woods in a shack, and her friends raised enough money to send her home. Anderson took the matter to heart and subsequently disappeared, and has not since been seen.

Auguste Laurentz and Albert Klei, charged with scandalizing the office of priest of the Catholic church and obtaining

money under false pretenses, had a trial in a justice's court at Tacoma. Laurentz gave his name as Martin Laurent Gaffrey Caster, a missionary priest of the Order of Father of Jesus and Marie, and claimed Nancy, France, as his birthplace. He pleaded total ignorance of the customs of American priests, and swore that he was, in fact, a priest. Although he had been in America since 1850, he denied knowing the name of the Catholic bishop of Washington. While believing them guilty and imposters, the court dismissed them, because to ascertain the truth of Caster's testimony would cost the county a large amount. They were advised to leave the country or procure certificates of authority to act as priests.

MISSION WORK IN BUTTE.

Thoughts Suggested by a Discourse by the Rev. Mr. Rousner.

To the Editor of the Standard: I have been much interested from time to time in reading the sermons published in the STANDARD by the Rev. Mr. Rousner. That he strikes many vigorous blows, and sometimes strikes the nail fairly on the head is a fact that cannot be denied. I was especially interested in the sermon of last Sunday and must agree with him that there is no more needy field for mission work than this wicked city of Butte; but let him and the readers of the STANDARD should mistake the purposes and labors of the Christian people and churches of Butte, I should like to make a few statements of what is being done in a missionary line and show how much basis there may be to the complaint that we are neglecting home for foreign missions. As I have no statistics at hand for all the churches, I will only take the Baptist denomination. There services are held twice on Sunday with Sunday school intervening, and a young people's meeting which enables all who desire to pass the hours of the Lord's day in a manner befitting the highest type of civilization. In addition to this, missionary labors are prosecuted in the church every evening during the week. To maintain these labors the church has raised upwards of \$1,200, during the past year, only a nominal part of which has gone out of the city. In addition to this, the church has received several hundreds of dollars from outside sources, a fact which I am aware does not reflect to the credit of this wealthy city.

And now, you may ask, what has been the result of all this expenditure of money? This is a question I will not undertake to answer, for I only know the extent of the good that has been accomplished, but of this we feel certain, a good number of young men have been kept from becoming candidates for the region named by Rev. Rousner, and some have been reclaimed who were well stricken on the road. A respectable number of Chinese have been instructed and seven of them have been led to abandon the idolatries and superstitions of their people and embrace Christianity, and whatever may be the prejudice against these people, I trust all fair-minded people will agree that while they are here it is better to educate and Christianize them than to prove ourselves worse heathen than they by beating and mistreating them. I am what we consider our most promising work has been the training of our children in the ways of Christian life and striving to keep their footsteps from entering the road to ruin.

This labor has been carried on by a church of about 100 members, many of whom are women and children without means of their own, a few of whom are laborers at a moderate salary, and none of whom could be classed even among the moderately wealthy, and this we consider the foundation of all effective missionary work. As soon as we grow wealthy, if we do not at the same time grow stingy, we are going to extend our work in every direction. We are going to have a reading room that shall be as attractive as it can possibly be made. We are going to have a gymnasium, where manly, healthful exercise can be divorced from vice and immorality. We are going to have rooms where all innocent amusements may be indulged in, and surroundings that shall elevate and not depress, and about all who will come within our reach we shall try, as we try to do now, the broad mantle of charity and brotherly love.

I have only referred to the labors and inspirations of one church, because in this I am better posted, but I doubt not all the others can show a record equally as good or better. The M. E. Church is supplying a long felt want; the Salvation army is reaching a class inaccessible to most others, while the recent accession of Major Camp to the ranks of missionary workers makes no mean showing for those who are trying to save the people from the ruins of hell, and in the light of this I trust we shall be forgiven if we obey the command of Him whom we serve, and "preach the gospel to every nation" by sending a few cent each year to Christianize the inhabitants of China and Africa. A. T. Brown.

"The Devil's Auction."

BUTTE, Feb. 12.—Another good house witnessed "The Devil's Auction" at Maguire's to-night, and was pleased with an excellent performance. The company is a strong one, as the good business for four consecutive nights shows. The ballet, the costumes, the stage settings, special scenery and mechanical effects were never presented more perfectly or elegantly to a Butte audience. The company will give a matinee to-morrow afternoon and close the engagement in the evening.

Real Hoboes.

BUTTE, Feb. 12.—Two hoboes to-night ate everything they could get at the Gold Star restaurant, in West Broadway. They had soup, ham and eggs, steaks and pie and as soon as they got through, made a break for the door. A Chinaman grabbed one of them, but he broke away, smashing the glass door. The Chinaman got an old hat which fell from the head of the flying hobo.

Entertained Their Friends.

BUTTE, Feb. 12.—Last night, after the conclusion of the leap year party at Renshaw hall, Mr. and Mrs. John Bordeaux, at their home at 35 West Broadway, entertained a small party at dinner. The dinner and the table decorations were both elegant and the party exceptionally well entertained.

Postmasters Nominated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The following nominations of presidential postmasters have been decided: Hanson H. Barnes, Castle, Mont., office to become presidential; Frank J. Nesbitt, Bozeman, Mont., vice George Budd, deceased; John S. Fenn, Port Angeles, Wash., the office to become presidential.

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Special to the Standard.

BOZEMAN, Mont., Feb. 10.—The question of the location of a site for the fish hatchery proposed to be established in Montana suggests at once the very best place for the purpose in the state, i. e., Mystic lake, at the head of the East Gallatin. The lake is in the very center of a group of overtopping and picturesque mountains, and nearly a mile square and of unascertained depth, with pure, cold, pellucid waters whose supply never ceases. It offers unequaled aquatic advantages for the object in view. The inlet of the lake is hidden, save a small incipient stream which flows through a rush meadow from the proximate mountain gulches, the outlet being a beautiful streamlet flowing amid rocky walls, in scenic attractions having scarcely a parallel in Montana mountain regions. The lake varies with the seasons in the extent of its expanse, and its waters remain at about an equal temperature throughout eight months of the year. It is about eight miles from Bozeman in a southerly direction, and the approach is by carriage road through the canyon of the West Gallatin, a charming summer drive. So many camping parties have visited its shores that trout and grayling are now scarce in its waters, though they were at one time very numerous and of very large size. A company has been organized to dam the outlet and greatly increase the depth of the lake. With proper measures to protect its waters no better point for a hatchery could be found in all Montana.

The territories committee of the senate seems, for some unaccountable reason, to be still strenuously opposing the Cook City railroad right of way bill. There seems no valid cause for this determined obstruction on the part of the committee, whereby they set aside the hopes, interests and ambitions of hundreds of people in Eastern Montana. It would seem just and fair that a report be forthcoming promptly from the territories committee, giving in detail the grounds for their opposition, that a fair argument in favor of the measure may be presented. Undoubtedly the Cook City mining district is one of the most important in the state now awaiting development, and its value can scarcely be overestimated. It will open to the mineral world a vast and nearly inexhaustible field of silver and lead ores, though of not high grade; deposits which now cannot be mined profitably in consequence of the immense cost of transporting supplies and ores and bullion backward and forward to railroad points.

The Bozeman postoffice robbery case is an interesting one, proving as it does how boldly thefts are perpetrated and desperate chances taken for remarkably small stakes. It brings to mind the recent event at Butte with its dramatic story of the capture of the respectable but perhaps insane robber. A man who commits a crime, must forever be unable to escape its fearful haunting shadow, and for possession of a few dollars, to invite never ceasing dreams of horror by night and by day seems an insane proceeding. Yet each day the press recounts scores of cases throughout the world, the moving causes in which will probably ever remain a psychological mystery.

The reopening of the full set of works at Anaconda, and the consequent revival of the mining and milling industry, is of great import to the agricultural as well as the mineral districts of this state. The increase in the number of laborers, and the revivification of the industrial pursuits attendant upon works of such vast magnitude, means an enlarged demand for all the products of the farm. Gallatin valley joins in the general rejoicing, and trusts that its cordial relations with the great mining centers of the west side may long continue.

The outlook for the state in general should be a hopeful one.

Clearing House Reports.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Broadstreet's returns, clearings of the principal cities of the United States the past week, and a comparison with the corresponding period of last year:

CITIES.	Am't.	Inc. Dec.
New York	\$94,202,000	26.9
Boston	95,429,000	7.1
Chicago	87,889,000	10.6
Philadelphia	80,875,000	30.7
St. Louis	24,749,000	11.4
San Francisco	15,310,000	7.5
Baltimore	16,017,000	5.9
Charlott.	15,116,000	11.4
Pittsburg	12,360,000	1.6
Kansas City	8,750,000	10.7
Minneapolis	8,022,000	50.2
New Orleans	12,465,000	2.7
St. Paul	4,745,000	25.5
Denver	4,493,000	27.9
Omaha	5,500,000	17.5
Portland	2,051,000	25.6
Salt Lake	1,350,000	26.5
Tacoma	760,000	3.9
Seattle	720,000	12.5
Los Angeles	180,000	11.4

Total leading cities of the United States, \$1,249,531,172; increase, 26.7.

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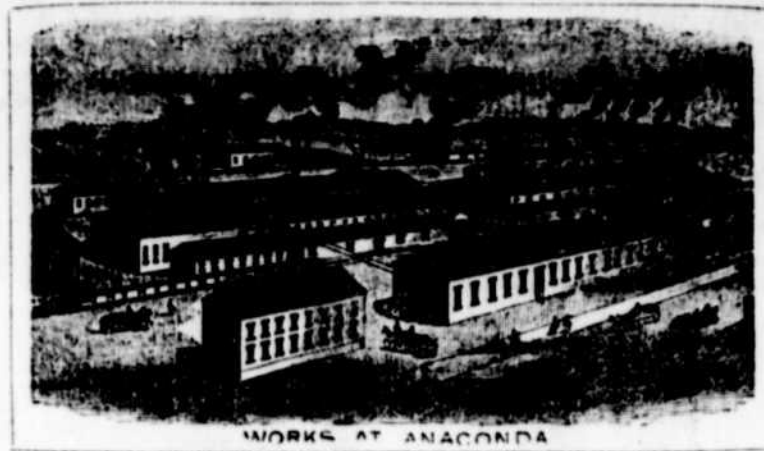
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